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through the electrically conductive element to derive a first signal representative of the conductivity of the element;

deriving an optical signal from the optically variable device;

comparing the optical signal with a reference signal to derive a second signal;

the first and second signals establishing a main code as a function of their mathematical relationship;

subjecting the metallic security strip to an authenticity test to derive a third signal;

deriving from the main code and the third signal a fourth signal representative of the at least one property of the document.

Remarks

In the claim "security material" and "security thread" have respectively been replaced by --security element-- and --security strip-- respectively. It is urged that claim 14 amended as set forth above and the substitute specification submitted herewith put the application into condition for allowance which is earnestly solicited. No new matter has been introduced into the claims or substitute specification.

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